

We briefed Senator Douglas on an unclassified basis on the broad aspects of the defector program rather than write a detailed answer to the attached letter. This was cleared through the Department of State and the White House. The Senator seems satisfied with the emphasis given to this program, but asked that consideration be given to a public statement on asylum by the President or the Secretary of State. I suggested this might be an appropriate matter for you to bring up in the Operations Coordinating Board and Senator Douglas said he would appreciate it if this could be done.

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